

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus for cleaning a plate cylinder in an offset printing press, said cleaning apparatus comprising:

a pressure ~~pad for pad,~~ a cleaning fabric, the pressure pad comprising a particular portion formed on a base portion, the base portion having a predetermined ~~shore hardness of 20 to 40 degrees,~~ the particular portion having a predetermined shore hardness of 20 to 40 degrees (20 to 40 HS), which is lower than the shore hardness of the base portion, wherein the base portion is formed of rubber, the particular portion being also formed of rubber, wherein the particular portion and the base portion are formed integrally with each other, and wherein the base portion has a predetermined width and includes opposite side portions to be fixed, the particular portion having a predetermined width which is less than the width of the base portion to be positioned between the opposite side portions of the base portion, and;

a support bar including opposite side surfaces and supported by a frame of the cleaning apparatus, the base portion including the opposite side portions fixed to the opposite side surfaces of the support bar, an air passage being formed in the support bar, pressurized air being directed between the pressure pad and the support bar through the air passage so that the pressure pad can be deformed by the pressurized air to be convex toward ~~a plate cylinder in an offset printing press~~ the plate cylinder, the cleaning fabric being nipped between the particular portion

and the plate cylinder with a nip width to clean the plate cylinder with the cleaning fabric.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The cleaning apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base portion has a predetermined length and includes opposite end portions, the particular portion has a predetermined length which is less than the length of the base portion, to be positioned between the opposite end portions at the base portion.

6. (Withdrawn) The pressure pad as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a hollow portion formed between the particular portion and the base portion.

7. (Previously Presented) The cleaning apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base portion is formed into a flat board.

8. (Withdrawn) The pressure pad as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base portion is formed to be channel shaped, the particular portion being disposed outwardly of the base portion.

9. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The pressure pad as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base portion includes opposite side portions to be fixed, the base

portion ~~further including~~ includes a specified surface formed between the opposite side portions and opposed to ~~the subject, the plate cylinder,~~ the particular portion comprising a layer extending throughout the specified surface of the base portion.

10. (Withdrawn) The pressure pad as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base portion is cylindrical or semi cylindrical.

11. (Withdrawn) The pressure pad as set forth in claim 10 wherein the particular portion comprises a layer extending circumferentially of the base portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The cleaning apparatus as set forth in claim 7, the base portion being deformed to be channel shaped, the particular portion being disposed outwardly of the base portion.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The cleaning apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein ~~the subject~~ the plate cylinder comprises a plate cylinder in an offset printing press.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The cleaning apparatus as set forth in claim 1
wherein the cleaning fabric is thick.